(c) Besides, implementation of the Market Intervention Scheme, Government of UP is providing transport subsidy to facilitate the transport of potatoes to other States and for exporting potato to other Countries. It has also been reported that the State Govt. of Uttar Pradesh in association with Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) has initiated steps to tie up marketing arrangements for export of potato. Potato have also been stored in cold storages to prevent wastage. Govt. of Uttar Pradesh has also initiated setting up a processing unit for potato in Agra.

Promotion of organic farming in Karnataka

5149. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) what are the steps taken so far, by Government to promote organic farming in Karnataka;

(b) whether it has come to the notice of Government that there has been great demand for organic manure in Karnataka; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to provide financial assistance to Karnataka under the National Project on Organic Farming during the Tenth Five Year Plan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV) : (a) During the X Plan, a new scheme, 'National Project on Organic Farming' with an outlay of Rs. 99.58 crores is under process for approval which includes setting up of a National Institute of Organic Farming, for production and promotion of organic farming in the country. One of the Regional Biofertilizer Development Centre located at Bangalore, is proposed to be renamed as Regional Organic Farming Centre (ROFC) to promote organic farming in Southern States. The scheme envisages *inter-alia* the following :

- Putting in place a system of certification of organic produce including prescribing National Standards of organic farming.
- Capacity building for organic farming.
- Support for commercial production units of organic inputs like fruits and vegetables waste compost units, biofertilizer production units and hatcheries for vermiculture.
- Promotion and extension of organic farming.

(b) The demand for organic manure is increasing in all the States including Karnataka for/promoting organic farming and integrated nutrient management for maintaining Soil Health and Fertility.

(c) The new scheme of National Project on Organic Farming has a component of giving support through back-ended credit linked subsidy for setting up of commercial production units of fruits and vegetables waste compost units, bio-fertilizer production units and hatcheries for vermiculture in the country including Karnataka.

Fertilizer utilization by States

5150. SHRI M. V. RAJASEKHARAN : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 460 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 20th December, 2002 and state the quantum of fertilizer utilization (Total) by all the States of the Union ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHHATTRAPAL SINGH) : The quantum of total fertilizer utilization/consumption in nutrient terms by all the States of the Union is given in the Statement.

Statement

State-wise quantum of total fertilizer utilization/consumption in nutrient terms

(in 000 M.T.)

Name of State/ Union Territory	Fertilizers utilisation/consumption 2001-2002			Fertilizers utilisation/consumption 2002-2003 (Estimated)		
	Nitrogen	Phosphate	Potash	Nitrogen	Phosphate	Potash
	(N)	(P)	(K)	(N)	(P)	(K)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Andhra Pradesh	1182.72	545.37	226.52	1126.59	456.37	219.16
Karnataka	670.68	360.44	218.27	572.15	279.44	177.80
Kerala	76.42	37.24	63.47	93.89	41.58	77.42
Tamil Nadu	504.99	205.13	227.90	421.23	136.18	190.40
Pondicherry	13.65	6.46	5.42	16.91	7.35	5.58
A & N Islands	0.23	0.19	0.05	0.35	0.21	0.17
Lakshadweep	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gujarat	605.64	240.24	69.36	513.01	236.22	76.68
Chhattisgarh	174.04	73.29	19.49	150.35	66.62	20.60
Madhya Pradesh	432.03	308.40	32.02	364.37	282.69	34.58
Maharashtra	992.70	459.70	236.80	1010.30	527.20	258.70
Rajasthan	582.32	199.68	6.84	387.57	165.27	9.30
Goa	2.75	1.50	1.61	2.68	1.49	1.71
Daman & Diu	0.12	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.00	0.00
D & N Haveli	0.69	0.38	0.04	0.62	0.36	0.05